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SUBJECT: PRESS ANTICIPATES NEW MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

1. ATHENS NEWSPAPERS JANUARY 4 IN RARE BREAK OF SILENCE
SOURROUNDING GOG OPERATIONS SPECULATED MINISTRY OF ENERGY
WILL BE ABOLISHED (AND ITS FUNCTIONS INCORPORATED IN
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY) AND VACANT MINISTRIES OF COORDINATION
AND PLANNING, COMMERCE AND LABOR WOULD SOON BE FILLED. ESTIA
(CONSERVATIVE) REPEATING PRESS STORY IN MORNING DAILY TO VIMA
NOTED GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES SAID GOG INTENDS TO ABOLISH POSITION
OF MINISTER TO PRESIDENCY AND SUBSTITUTE "MINISTER TO THE PRIME
MINISTER." PRESS REPORTS HINTED THAT NEW POSITION WOULD BE SCALED
DOWN IN FUNCTIONS AND PRESTIGE, BUT RALLIS WOULD REMAIN IN POST.

2. NEWSPAPERS ALSO MENTIONED THAT NEW LEGISLATION ON CABINET
ORGANIZATION WAS UNDER STUDY AND WOULD ADD UNDER SECRETARY FOR
YOUTH WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SPORTS. PRESS
REPORTS ADDED THAT PRESENT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR SPORTS G.
VLADIMIROU WILL BE REPLACED NEXT WEEK BY G. PRINTZIS. (VLADIMIROU'S
DISMISSAL REPORTEDLY CONNECTED WITH CHARGES OF BRIBERY OF GREEK
SOCCER TEAM MEMBERS AT WORLD CUP GAME WITH YUGOSLAVIA LAST WEEK
WHICH GREECE LOST 4-2).

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